GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1860
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2002
PROCUREMENT OF ARECANUT
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any scheme from the State of Kerala regardingthe procurement of arecanut in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has submited a scheme for Market Intervention of Arecanut (Chali) for the season January to June, 2003. The Government of Kerala has proposed to procure 9000 MT Arecanut during the season at the Market Intervention Price of Rs.65 per kg. As per the guidelines of the scheme, the State Government has proposed to bear 50% of losses on implementation of the Scheme.

(c): In the proposal, the State Government has not furnished the figures of production during the year 2001-02 and anticipated production and the expected prices for the season 2003. As per the guidelines of the scheme this information is required for taking a decision on implementation of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) in the State.The State Government hasbeen requested to furnish this information.